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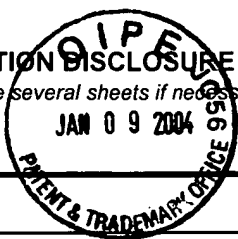
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	4,175,008	11-1979	White			
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	4,695,274	9-1987	Fox			
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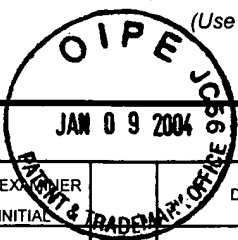
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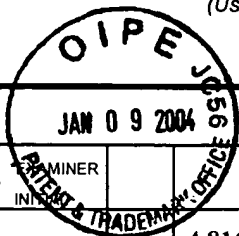
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	4,846,796	7-1989	Carrell et al.			
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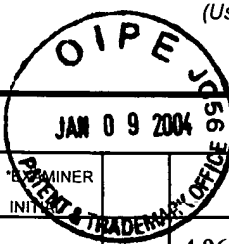
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